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¶1. (U) USUN requested guidance on the U.S. position on a
UN-proposed assessment mission to Cyprus in response to a
request for input from UNDPA's Cyprus officer. See paras 2
and 3 below for specific guidance.

¶2. (C//Rel to UN) USUN should inform UNDPA,s Cyprus
officer that the United States endorses a UN assessment
mission to Cyprus and would like to see one conducted very
soon after the Cypriot presidential elections, no matter
which candidate wins. We recommend a report of its findings
be issued within a few weeks of the visit.

¶3. (C//Rel to UN) The U.S. would like the assessment
mission to focus on the following goals:

-- Analyze what could be done to implement the stalled July
8, 2006 agreement. The mission should try and find a way to
bridge the differences between the Greek Cypriots, who, under
President Papadopoulos at least, have portrayed the agreement
to be immutable, and the Turkish Cypriots, who have wished to
have binding timetables attached to it.

-- Decide if the July 8, 2006 agreement is the only
mechanism to prepare for a settlement. If not, then the
mission should make recommendations on acceptable
alternatives, building on already agreed principles. This
should include an assessment of which elements of the Annan
Plan are mutually agreeable/salvageable and can be built upon
under a new settlement process.

-- Visit the three guarantor powers (UK, Greece, Turkey) and
solicit their views.

-- Visit Brussels for discussions with the European
Commission and EU members on what positive, supportive role
EU countries could play.
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